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1. IN RESPONSE TO PARTICULAR POINTS RAISED IN DEPARTMENT REFTEL WE HAVE THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS IN ADDITION TO THOSE CONTAINED JERUSALEM 2202.

2. JERUSALEM POST ARTICLE OF OCTOBER 29 REPORTING HOUSING MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENT OF PLANS TO BUILD 10,000 APARTMENT UNITS IN NEVE YA'ACOV - FRENCH HILL AREA APPEARED TO INDICATE THAT THESE PLANS REPRESENTED, IN EFFECT, HOUSING MINISTRY PROPOSAL WITHIN ISRAELI GOVERNMENT AS A WHOLE. AS WE REPORTED IN A-94, THERE WAS SOME OPPOSITION TO THESE PLANS, NOTABLY FROM MAYOR KOLLEK (ON TECHNICAL RATHER THAN POLITICAL GROUNDS). WE DO NOT KNOWN WHETHER ISRAELI GOVERNMENT AS SUCH HAS DETERMINED TO PROCEED WITH CONSTRUCTION. WE HAVE SEEN NO EVIDENCE ON THE GROUND OF THIS, BUT THAT WOULD HARDLY BE EXPECTED THIS SOON IN ANY CASE. THERE HAVE BEEN PERSISTENT REPORTS OF LARGE-SCALE ISRAELI LAND ACQUISITION IN THIS GENERAL AREA, BUT SUCH REPORTS ARE ALWAYS HARD TO PIN DOWN.

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3. FOLLOWING ISRAELI CABINET DECISION TO PROCEED WITH

CONSTRUCTION OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AT MA'ALE ADUMMIM
THERE WERE NUMBER OF NEWSPAPER REPORTS TO EFFECT THAT WORK WAS
COMMENCING. KOLLEK HAD PUBLICLY CALLED FOR CONSTRUCTION OF
ACCESS ROAD BEFORE ANYTHING ELSE WAS DONE, AND WE HAD UNDERSTOOD
THIS WAS BEING STARTED. WE HAVE OURSELVES SEEN NO ACTIVITY AT
THE SITE BEYOND EVIDENCE OF SOME VEHICULAR MOVEMENT WHICH COULD
WELL BE MILITARY. WE HAVE IMPRESSION THAT AUTHORITIES WERE
ENDEAVORING TO REASSURE HARD-LINE OPPOSITION ELEMENTS WITH TALKS
ABOUT IMMEDIATE CONSTRUCTION BUT THAT PROJECT WILL NOT PROCEED
SO RAPIDLY. SITE SELECTED IS REMOTE FROM WATER AND UTILITIES AND
IS SIMPLY UNDULATING PLATEAU IN DESERT HILLS. IT WILL CLEARLY
BE VERY EXPENSIVE AND TIME-CONSUMING TO PUT ANY SUBSTANTIAL
INDUSTRIES THERE.

4. WHILE, AS WE HAVE REPORTED, ISRAELIS ARE BUILDING PARKS
AROUND CITY WALLS, FIGURE OF 30,000 DUNUMS IS NEW TO US AND
SEEMS VERY HIGH. PARKS ALREADY ESTABLISHED ARE EITHER ON ISRAELI
SIDE OF TOWN (EAST OF KING DAVID HOTEL) OR IN FORMER NO MAN'S
LAND. ONE SUCH PARK AREA IN NO MAN'S LAND OPPOSITE DAMASCUS
GATE WAS SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED BY KOLLEK IN JERUSALEM POST
INTERVIEW MENTIONED IN JERUSALEM REFTEL. (HE SAID "IT MEANT
THAT WE INTEND TO STAY".) THERE IS SOME ROOM FOR PARK
DEVELOPMENT ALONG SOUTHERN WALL AND IT IS POSSIBLE THAT MAZAR
DIG SOUTH OF FORMER TEMPLE MOUNT WILL BE INCORPORATED IN SUCH
AN AREA. ALONG NORTHERN WALL THE PARK CONSISTS OF GREENERY
ONLY A FEW METERS WIDE. ON EASTERN PERIPHERY, OLD CITY WALL
IS FLANKED BY MUSLIM CEMETARY WHICH WE DOUBT ISRAELIS WOULD
TURN INTO A PARK (THOUGH THEY DID SO AFTER 1948 WITH MAMILLAH
CEMETERY IN WEST JERUSALEM). WE HAVE TRIED TO GET MORE PRECISE
INFORMATION ON PLANS FOR PARK SINCE RECEIPT OF AMMAN CABLES
BUT HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO REACH OFFICIAL CONCERNED. WE DOUBT,
AS INDICATED JERUSALEM REFTEL, THAT THESE PLANS SHOULD BE CAUSE
FOR SIGNIFICANT CONCERN.
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